

**Minutes
Hurst City Council
Work Session
Tuesday, April 12, 2022**

On the 12th day of April 2022, at 5:11 p.m., the City Council of the City of Hurst, Texas, convened in Work Session at City Hall, 1505 Precinct Line Road, Hurst, Texas, with the following members present:

Henry Wilson	)	Mayor
Cathy Brotherton	)	Mayor Pro Tem
John Miller	)	Councilmembers
Jon McKenzie)	
David Booe)	
Cindy Shepard)	
Gary N. Waldron)	
Clay Caruthers	)	City Manager
Matthew Boyle	)	City Attorney
Clayton Fulton	)	Assistant City Manager
Malaika Marion Farmer	)	Assistant City Manager
Rita Frick	)	City Secretary
Steve Niekamp	)	Police Chief
Billy Keadle	)	Assistant Police Chief
Steve Bowden	)	Executive Director of Economic Development

With the following Councilmembers absent: none, constituting a quorum, at which time, the following business was transacted:

I. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 5:11 p.m.

II. Informational Items

- **Discussion of upcoming Calendar Items** – City Manager Clay Caruthers noted city offices will be closed, Friday, April 15, 2022 for Good Friday holiday.
- **Discussion of Board, Committee and Commission appointment process** – City Secretary Rita Frick provided an update on the appointment process noting letters of continued interest were mailed. She also reviewed possible updates to various boards, committees and commissions pertaining to the number of open positions and responsibilities. City Manager Caruthers stated staff will bring forward additional information for future Council discussions.
- **Discussion of possible updates to the Code of Ordinances regarding Food Trucks, Outdoor Sales and Special Events** – Assistant City Manager Malaika Marion Farmer provided a brief overview of possible food truck regulations. Council discussed elements of regulations and Mayor Wilson suggested a work session, Tuesday, April 19 for further discussion.
- **Discussion of possible Certificate of Obligation issuance** – Assistant City Manager Clayton Fulton reviewed staff's intent to bring forward a Notice of Intent to issue Certificates of Obligation for street repairs at the next Council

meeting for a June 28 issuance. City Manager Caruthers noted the debt tax rate would be maintained utilizing debt capacity.

- **Discussion and staff update of Animal Shelter Operations** – City Manager Clay Caruthers noted the recent partnership with the Humane Society of North Texas started off successfully and staff is exploring a possible contract with the City of Bedford to house their animals. Police Chief Steve Niekamp provided an update on the new animal shelter operations and his discussions with the Bedford Police Chief regarding a possible contract for sheltering their animals. City Manager Caruthers and Chief Niekamp advised, if staff moves forward with future discussions, they will work with the attorney to ensure Hurst's interests are met.
- **Discussion and staff update on automatic license plate readers** – Assistant Police Chief Billy Keadle stated staff is considering the purchase of license plate readers and provided information on the system. Chief Keadle noted Council authorized the purchase several years ago in the budget process. He explained the implementation was delayed during the pandemic, and now, the product they were looking at is no longer available. Chief Keadle reviewed attributes of a new system, Flock Safety, they believe to be a better product and noted cost savings with this system.

III. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 1

Richard Armand requested to speak regarding concern of an ongoing Neighborhood Code Enforcement violations

City Manager Caruthers and Assistant City Manager Malaika Marion Farmer briefed Council on code enforcement efforts in regards to Mr. Armand's request to speak. Ms. Farmer noted staff has gained compliance regarding the complaints but the owner continues to allow the code issues to return.

The following items were not discussed in work session:

IV. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 4

Consider authorizing the city manager to proceed with the Recreation Center Gym Floor Replacement Project

V. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 5

Consider authorizing the City Manager to execute Quitclaim Deed on utility easement located within I-820 right-of-way to be executed in favor of Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT)

VI. Discussion of Agenda Item(s) 6

Consider authorizing the city manager to enter into an Engineering Services Contract with Burgess & Niple, Inc., for engineering services for 2022 Miscellaneous Sanitary Sewer Replacements


VII. ADJOURNMENT – Mayor Wilson adjourned the work session at 6:19 p.m.

APPROVED this the 26th day of April 2022.

ATTEST:


Rita Frick, City Secretary

APPROVED:


Henry Wilson, Mayor